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RE: Loders Croklaan NPDES Permit Renewal - Anti Degradation Study

IDNR Project # 1404432

Will County

Dear Ms. Collen:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for an anti-degradation study for Loders Croklaan NPDES permit renewal for their facility located in Will County, IL. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

The subject facility discharges a process wastewater, cooling water, sanitary wastewater and stormwater (Outfall 001) and barge heating steam condensate (Outfall 002) to the Des Plaines River. The company is renewing its permit but is requesting to increase the flow rate from .57 to .85 mgd. The Department recommends that there be no increase in the total pollutant load discharged to the Des Plaines River at this location, which serves as habitat for the state-endangered Pallid Shiner. The stretch of the river downstream from the outfalls is also listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory because of it provides suitable habitat for state-listed species.

Consultation on the part of the Department is completed. This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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